

## **HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – OCT 22<sup>RD</sup>, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Father Dennis, Phil Behling, Mike Lynett, Kevin Long, Mark Hirschmann, Harriet Lazinski, Dave Schulz, Mike Beuche, Pam Ringsred, Claire Wycklendt, Penny Kelsey, Tom Gaeta, Lucia Korom, Gail DeFrancisco, Deacon Carmelo, Stacy Ward,  
**ABSENT:** Tony Monfre

**PRIOR MINUTES:** There were a few changes to the Sept. minutes, which will be distributed later.

**MEET THE STAFF:** Update on Religious Ed. activities from Gail DeFrancisco. This year's theme is "Fully rely on God" There will be an emphasis on Bible readings. There are 215 students enrolled in the program. Each grade does an outreach activity. Family Fun Night is scheduled for Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Adult education program will be instituted soon. Currently there is a scripture group that meets on Thurs. mornings in McCormick Hall. She said they need more volunteers for The Edge program. Edge will begin on Nov. 13 and meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month from 6:30-8:15 PM.

**FINANCE UPDATE:** Weekly collections have been low. A Parish council group has been identified and goals will be set on devising a stewardship committee..

**PARISH COUNCIL GOALS:** An effective stewardship committee may be part of FIOF. Pacesetters met at a special meeting about this effort. Monitor progress towards the 2007-2008 goals of increasing mass attendance + volunteer participation. (Mike L.) Monitor transition to new shared pastoral arrangement (Phil B.) Fr Dennis noted the increase in number of meetings. There was a suggestion that Fr. Dennis and Fr. Robert might have some scheduled hours at HF each week to meet with parishioners.

**FAITH IN OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN:** Campaign is going well. The next 60 days are critical to its success. 120 families are participating. Inspiration phase begins in Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is an advance commitment event. Commitment weekend is Dec 7<sup>th</sup> +8<sup>th</sup>.

**DISCUSSION OF "HOLY LONGING"** Group comments on 1<sup>st</sup> chapter were about the author's presentation of spirituality. Fr. Dennis made the comment "Spirituality is the capacity to hold the divine" In December, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter will be discussed.

**COMMITTEE LIASON UPDATES:** Lucia K. (Relig. Ed) Penny K. no prayer + worship meetings until Jan. Mark H. parish council page of website is done. Stacy W. School Board has launched a temporary website, which will aid recruitment. Mike B. building and grounds may have high expenses this winter with snow removal. Mike L. continued his trip to parish staff meeting on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> where improvements on the liturgy were discussed.

**VOLUNTEER ACCOUNTABILITY:** This evaluation is on hold since much volunteer effort is being put into the FIOF. There is a concern about acolyte absences. Also the length of time to implement volunteers fro Time + Talent form was mentioned.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Has designed a new stewardship pledge card to be sent out to all parishioners with a letter, asking for a modest increase in donations

Next Parish Council meeting will be on Tues., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at St Roberts Parish. Enter via door across from fountain on Oakland Ave side of church.

December's meeting is on Wed., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family. Access building off the school parking lot.

Submitted by Pam Ringsred